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Skills gained through service

■**VOLUNTEER:** Service Learning keeps students interested in their coursework.

By SOTIVEAR SIM
STAR REPORTER

Valley will host its third annual Volunteer Fair next week organized by Service Learning where students get the opportunity to help those in need, gain valuable experience, and even earn extra credit for a class.

The fair will take place in Monarch square on May 2.

"The purposes of service learning is to integrate community volunteer services into the existing curriculum," said program director for service learning Rick Brossman. "The idea of service learning is to enhance learning. If their community work is related to their course work they take more of an active interest in the class."

The Service Learning program is the only fully functional one of its kind in the community college district. It was initially started by Rick Brossman following a model from Glendale college back in 1997.

"I just saw the need for students who have not been focused in their career and academic major," Brossman said. "We started with about 20 students a few years ago now we have over 200."

Since then the Administration has adopted the program and hired a Coordinator, Joyce Romero.

The volunteer fair will host around fifty agencies from the surrounding community. Student will be able to sign up with any of the non-profit organization and give back to the community.

“It is better to die on your feet than live on your knees.”

Emiliano Zapata



Samantha Kuppig/Valley Star

A man holds up a flag while chanting "Si Se Puede" meaning "It can be done" at the Cesar Chavez walk on Saturday in East L.A.

Caesar Chavez: March for mercy

■**MARCH:** Angelenos unite in a march to celebrate the life of Caesar Chavez.

By ROGELIO GARCIA
STAR REPORTER

Thousands came together at East Los Angeles College to participate in the Cesar E. Chavez walk-a-thon this past Saturday. The event commemorated the life, vision and work of one of the most recognized civil rights leaders of the 20th century-Cesar E. Chavez.

"It is a very important event that the Chicano community puts on annually to

commemorate the life of Cesar Chavez and what he meant not just for our community but for the entire community and our society," Pete

Lopez said. "He went beyond a labor leader, he was a civil rights leader and beyond that, a human rights leader that came out of our community back in the 1960s. These types of events that

we hold in our community in honor of people like Cesar Chavez is to remind us of the work that still needs to be completed. One thing is his legacy and what he

meant and what he did for farm workers and the American Labor Movement, but also the work that still needs to be finished. By no means is it anywhere near done.

He went beyond a labor leader, he was a civil rights leader and beyond..

PROFESSOR PETE LOPEZ

ues. The Chicano community and the American community in general still needs to be reminded of that. Hopefully keeping his legacy and spirit alive. Keep

hope alive as Jesse Jackson would say."

The Walk-a-thon ran through East Los Angeles, including Cesar Chavez Street, and back to East L.A. College where all enjoyed a grand festival of music, food and entertainment.

Those who participated in the march felt a part of an important, worthwhile event. "I had a great time knowing I was part of a Walk-a-thon that was benefiting a cause that is needed in this country," Lazlo Kover said. "I was happy to personally show support to the workers who bring food to my table."

Participating in the event were 14 high schools, numerous community colleges

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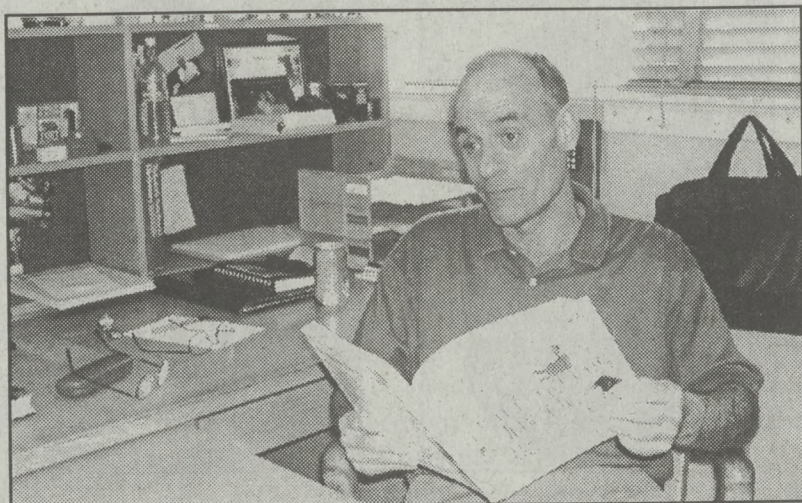
The Millennium's hottest jobs

■**CAREERS:** Campus club re-emerges under a new leader and in a new direction.

By SOTIVEAR SIM
STAR REPORTER

Electronics instructor Ronald A. Reis is ecstatic about his new book "The Everything Hot Careers Book" which takes an inside look at some uncommon careers such as a zookeeper, auctioneer, and toy actor.

"I ask myself is this a career someone would want to know more about," Reis said. "Would someone want to know what it's like to be a zookeeper... there is not a kid that doesn't love animals and want to take care of them, so people want to know what that career is all about."



Samantha Kuppig/Valley Star

Ronald Reis holds his new book "The Everything Hot Careers Book" which contains useful information about unique careers from zookeepers to web page designers.

This is his eighth book, but his first trade book. His other books have been text books based on electronics.

"The Everything Hot Careers Books" is geared toward three

types of people: the cubist, the uninspired and the curious.

The cubist are the ones who are confined to cubicles. "This is not what their passion is," Reis said.

The second group is the uninspired or unmotivated, the young people who are not sure what they want to do in life. The third group this book is geared toward are the people who are just curious about different careers.

"I don't write about what I know," Reis said. "I write about what I want to know."

The book is actually a compilation of articles from a column that Reis writes in Working World.

"Follow your passion and the money will follow," Reis said. "The hottest career is the one you're hot for."

Reis is a graduate of Valley and has taught electronics for six years here.

"I'm sure I got a C in english 102 and I'm almost sure I got a C in English 101, so you never know," Reis said.



Samantha Kuppig/Valley Star

Reggae band Kindread entertained students (special thanks to Yasmin Delahoussaye and Tino Manzano) during Senior Day which was sponsored by the BSU and Student Services Office on Wednesday April 25, 2001.

InsideStar

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■ The Internet is turning to pornography to pay its bills.

EDITORIAL:**www.yahoo/smut.org**

In light of the recent dot.com failures, it is becoming more evident that the only thing keeping the Net afloat is communication and pornography.

It's not surprising to hear that the pornography industry has taken over the Net when our mailboxes are bombarded daily with spam trying to allure us to their sordid websites.

After all, the porno industry was the first to see the potential in doing business on the Net and has pioneered the strong grasp over society that it has today. But has it gotten out of control?

Yahoo, once thought invincible by Wall Street, has succumbed to a fate similar to many of its counterparts and has gone so low as to advertise and incorporate pornography into its search engines.

Is this just a reality of the Net that society must live with or can the Internet survive without the porno industry.

It is a 4 billion dollar a year industry world wide and living in the San Fernando Valley. We are at the epicenter of the action.

But what concerns me the most are all the children, who are all becoming computer literate at a younger age, having to sift through all this garbage to do their research or chat with classmates.

If a third grader has to do a book report on "Beavers" and types it into Yahoo, can you imagine the 20,000 something matches he will get which will predominately be pornographic. With the dot.com failure, many of the elite programmers and web designers are seeking employment in the porno industry.

So now they can deliver their porno with the latest and cutting edge graphics and software. Something must be done about this epidemic.

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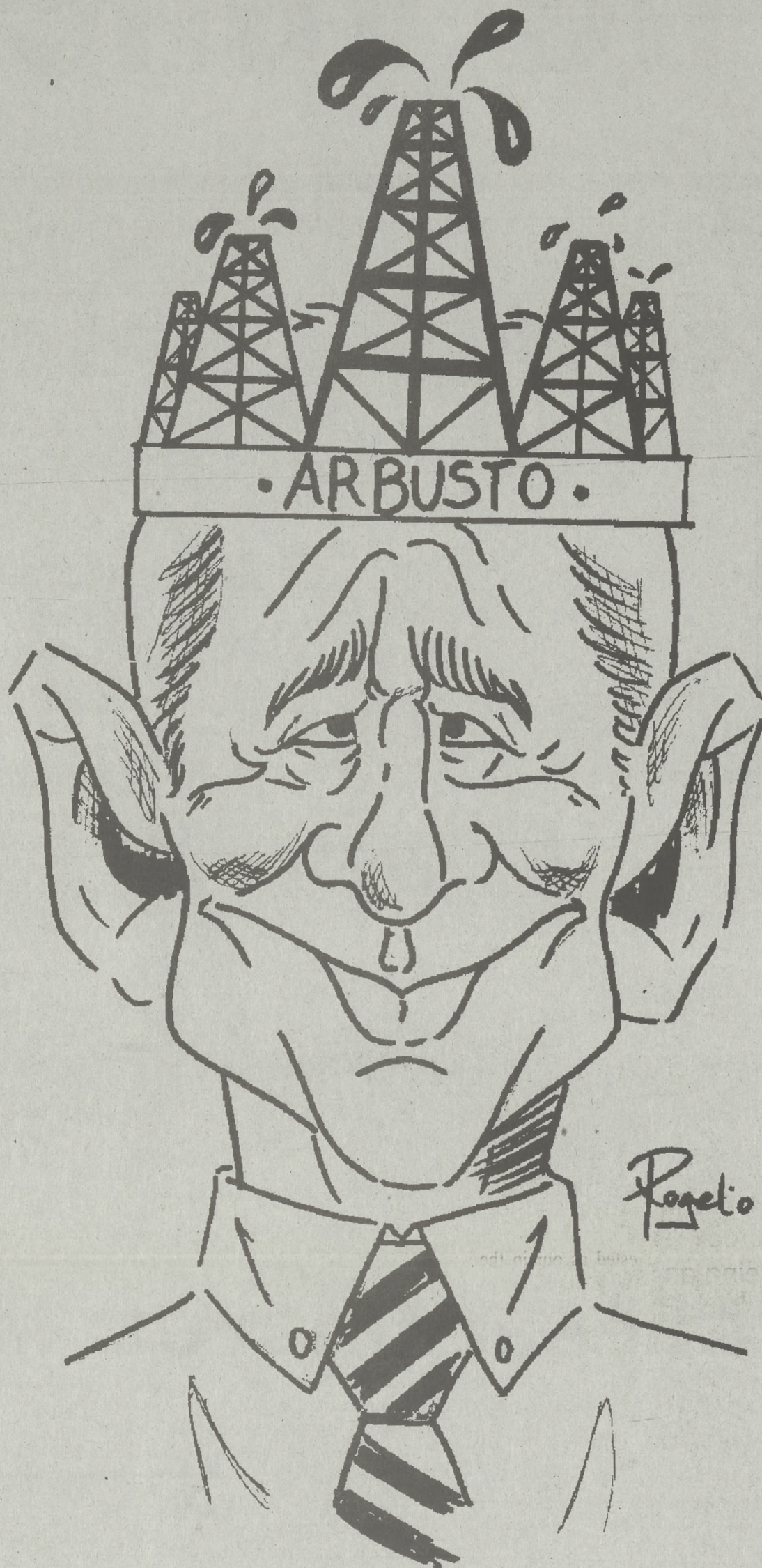
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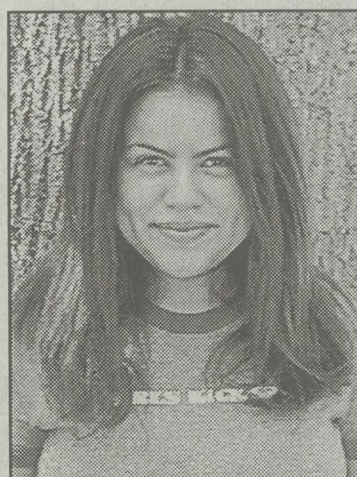
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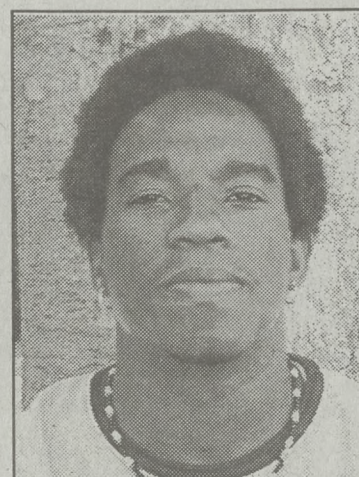
Compiled by Samantha Kuppig

What is your primary reason for using the internet?



I use it for research papers and to chat with friends sometimes, but I have limits.

Jacqueline Urquilla, 18,
Undecided major



I use the internet for entertainment/business purposes. I use Billboard to listen to music samples and get jazz ideas to see what's hot and build my music off that.

Levon Davis, 21,



I use the internet to look at porno websites.

Mike West, 20,
Music major

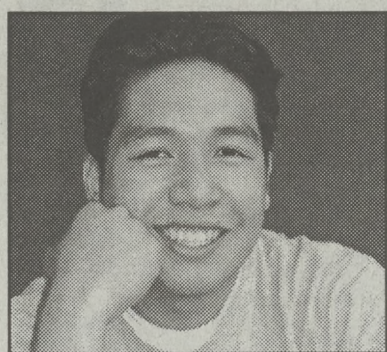
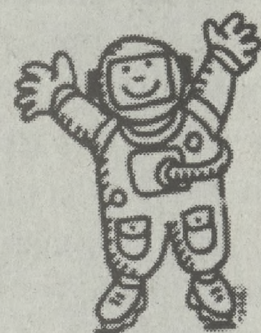
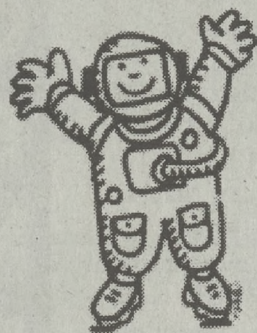


I use it for research papers and to find out what colleges offer Zoology as a major. I also found out what classes I needed to take to get my degree. I found the Wildlife Waystation where I volunteer.

Taryn Trager, 22, Zoology

Smalltalk

Space exploration



SOTIVEAR SIM
STAR REPORTER

Space exploration reached its peak in popularity in the 60s with President Kennedy promising that we would reach the moon.

The nation embraced the astronauts as they risked their lives in humanity's attempt to test the limits of mankind. Since those days, NASA has not been able to capture the public imagination like it once had.

There is no longer that mystique about the moon and no

communist Russia to race to the moon. In the shadows of society main stream, the National Aeronautical and Space Association has trudged along completing mission after mission.

There seemed to be a hope of revitalizing the passion of the nation with the Mars pathfinder mission with people rushing to their television screens or computer monitors to get the first glimpse of the martian surface, but that too faded from the collective consciousness.

With failed mission to Mars their was talk about the tremendous amounts of money being poured into NASA to be jettisoned into space. Could these funds be allocated to other areas where they can be of better use?

To do so would be a grave mistake.

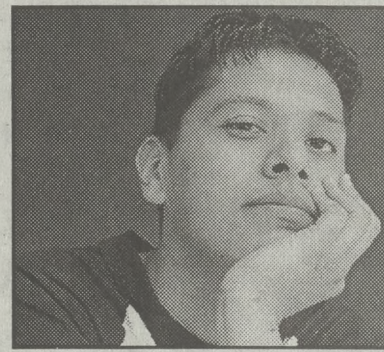
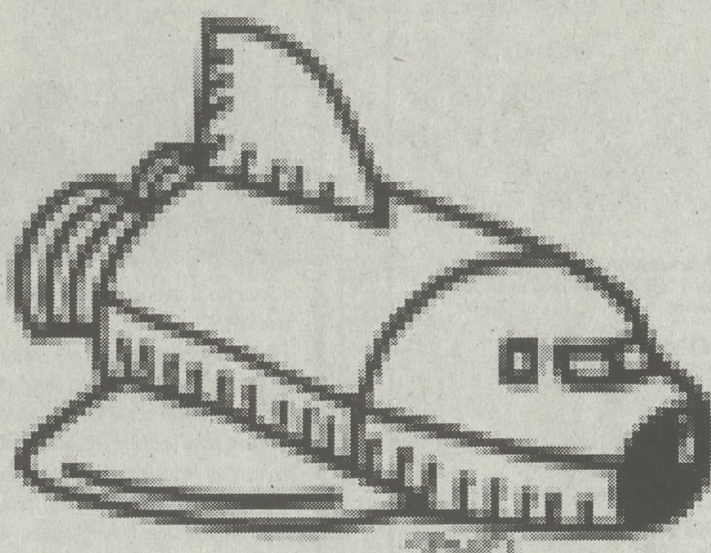
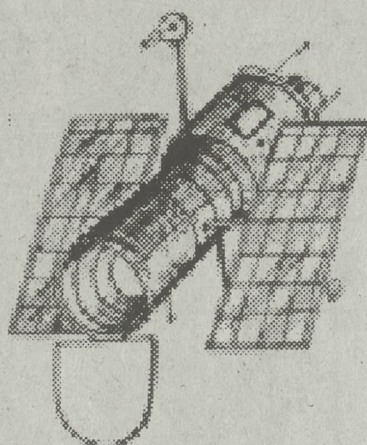
There is so much to the Universe that we know so little about. It's man's nature to question his universe and attempt to find answers. We cannot do that by simply sitting on our hands. The problem lies not with NASA but with the whole perception of space exploration by society. To see a man walking on moon no longer holds that same breath taking impact when we are subjected to it daily on MTV.

The future is in space, and to ignore that or hinder it in any way is a step in the wrong direction. A nation that is as disinterested as our in the exploration of space is a disheartening sign.

Space exploration is of great importance to society and if nothing else we should increase spending for the sciences and not dwell so much on building the biggest bombs or shields, for that is nothing but a destructive cycle.

As a child I was enamored with being an astronaut and wearing those cool outfits.

It is every child's dream at one point in their life to go to space and dance among the stars or to see a sunset and a dawn at the same time.



By ROGELIO GARCIA
STAR REPORTER

Space, the final frontier. These immortal words narrow down the sole purpose of space exploration. The reason we spend so much time and money on the space program is because we are a race of explorers.

Since the beginning of time man has ventured out into the world to look for the next new thing. The problem, however, is that every part of earth has been mapped already, so what are left to do? The answer lies in the stars.

When Sputnik 1 was launched by Russia in 1958, the world and the way we viewed the universe were altered forever. The United States declared a "space race" against Russia to see who would be the first to send the first man into outer space. That feat of course was accom-

plished by America when John Glenn orbited earth, but that was only the beginning. Apollo 11 was perhaps the most significant accomplishment of man in history when we sent the first astronauts to the moon in 1969. Human kind will forever remember those immortal word spoken by Neil Armstrong as he placed the first human foot on the moon's surface, "That's one small step for man, one giant

leap for mankind."

That was more than 30 years ago. What have we done recently? The answer is nothing. We have done nothing of great importance that would account for the trillions of dollars we have spent up to this point. Our efforts to probe Mars have been, for the most part, failures. However, there is always the idea that our destiny lies beyond the stars.

The earth is relatively young by celestial standards, but the life on this planet is destroying it

at an alarming rate. Global warming, pollution, the destruction of the rain forests, over population, these are but a few of the man made problems that plague the planet. The reality is that the world we all share and live in cannot and will not go on forever, especially at this rate. In simpler terms, we are killing the planet and fast.

Of course it will take a very long time for this to happen; we can be sure that the world as we know it will disappear. Our only salvation lies in outer space. Although many will argue that space exploration is a waste of money and resources, you never know when we will need it. Remember Armageddon.

"Apollo 11 was perhaps the most significant accomplishment in history..."

A brave new city

By ROGELIO GARCIA
STAR REPORTER

And then there were two. The mayoral runoff in June between City Attorney James K. Hahn and former Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa will ultimately test in which direction urban-liberals want Los Angeles to go. The similarities between the two candidates are evident, both are democrats, both are experienced politicians and both have split the liberal vote almost evenly.

Los Angeles now has a difficult choice to make. Hahn, who has inherited much of the support of Black L.A. from his father, the late great Kenny Hahn, who represented South Central for 40 years on the County Board of Supervisors. Then there's Villaraigosa, whose dynamic presence and impassioned speeches have won the support of the Latino electorate. The results of the April 10 election have Villaraigosa at a substantial lead over Hahn with a 30.4 percent to 25.2 percent margin. These numbers, however, do not assure a victor. There are still the 55.6 percent of L.A. who voted for the other

13 candidates, this is where the next leader of the city will be decided.

It can be said with some assurance that Villaraigosa will attain the support received by Congressman Xavier Becerra, which counted for 6 percent of the votes, in the runoff. There is also the possibility of a larger voter turn out within Latino L.A. prompted by the level of excitement. As for Jim Hahn, he can stand to gain the support of those republicans who simply want to vote regardless of party loyalties, but there aren't many. However, much like Villaraigosa's flock, there is a possibility of a voter surge within the black community that will add a few percentage points in Hahn's favor. Of course, if one looks at the shifting voter turnouts of the April primaries, they will see that Latinos are playing for keeps.

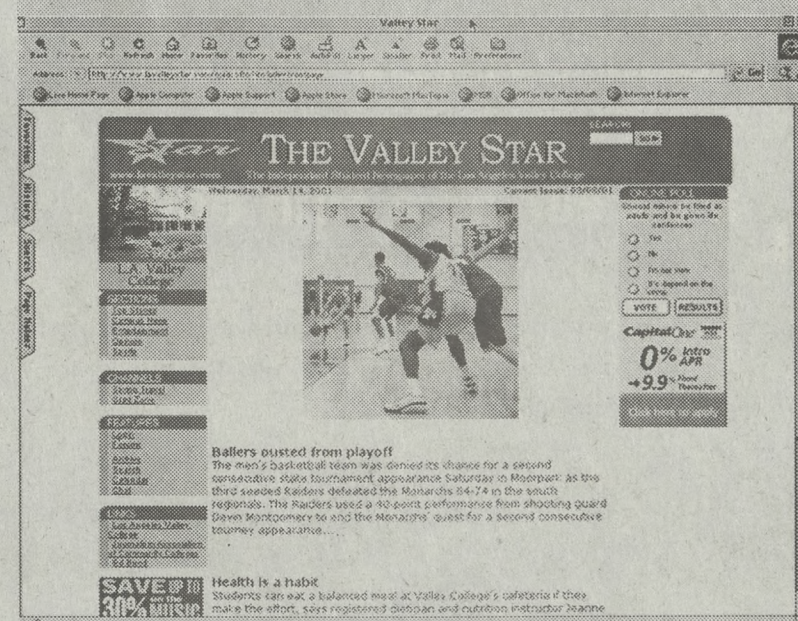
The African-American community, which counted for 18 percent of the electorate in 1993, decreased 4 percent in the April 10 primary. Conversely, the Latino community, which constituted just 8 percent in 1993, jumped to 21 percent during the primaries. These trends are not accidental but rather

proof that the urban politics in Los Angeles are based on ethnic succession. The same political shift that catapulted African Americans into mainstream politics in L.A. and won Tom Bradley the mayor's seat in 1973 will once again occur, only this time it's the Latino community who will come out ahead.

If indeed Villaraigosa does win the runoff in June, he will become the first Mexican-American mayor of L.A. since Cristobal Aguilar left office in 1872. More importantly however, a Villaraigosa victory will forever alter the face of Los Angeles politics. It will mean that those immigrants who came to this city more than 20 years ago have finally joined with those of us who were born citizens in a common cause to rectify the vast economic inequalities that are a part of the middle class lifestyle. I can only hope that we are all able to build alliances between race and class like the great Tom Bradley.

If we are not, though, at least there are no republicans.

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Crime Watch

A male lured a female into a classroom on April 16, exposed himself and then masturbated, the sheriff's department reported. On April 14, a male was reported to be masturbating near Bungalow 8.

A male was arrested on April 5 for disorderly conduct, and a juvenile was arrested after being caught shattering the glass on a vending machine on April 17.

Chavez

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and universities including LA Valley College. "This event was about bringing people together: family, friends, students and community activists to come and celebrate," said Pete Lopez professor of Chicano Studies and advisor of LAVC's MEChA. "How many times are we going to have the chance to celebrate life? We were there to spread the energy and goodwill. That's what it is about."

For the students who participated, the march proved to be an educational experience. "It was

really touching at some parts," said Fina Arellano. "Things I read on signs like 'It is better to live on your feet than to die on your knees.'"

His grandkids were there. "How proud they must have felt to see all of the people that were there in support of the cause." Even veterans of the event were impressed with the level of enthusiasm the young people displayed. "The energy from the junior high and high school kids was amazing," Ana Ramirez said. "I took my daughters and

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CSU Dominguez Hills
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CSU Northridge
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LAVC Career/Transfer

Center Transfer Reception sign up by May 18 the event will be held on May 22 in Monarch Hall from 2:30-4:30 pm honoring students admitted to four-year colleges for Summer and Fall.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

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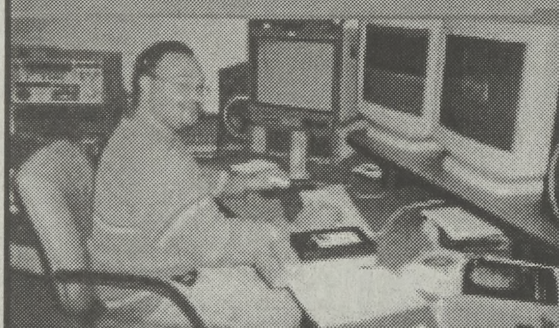
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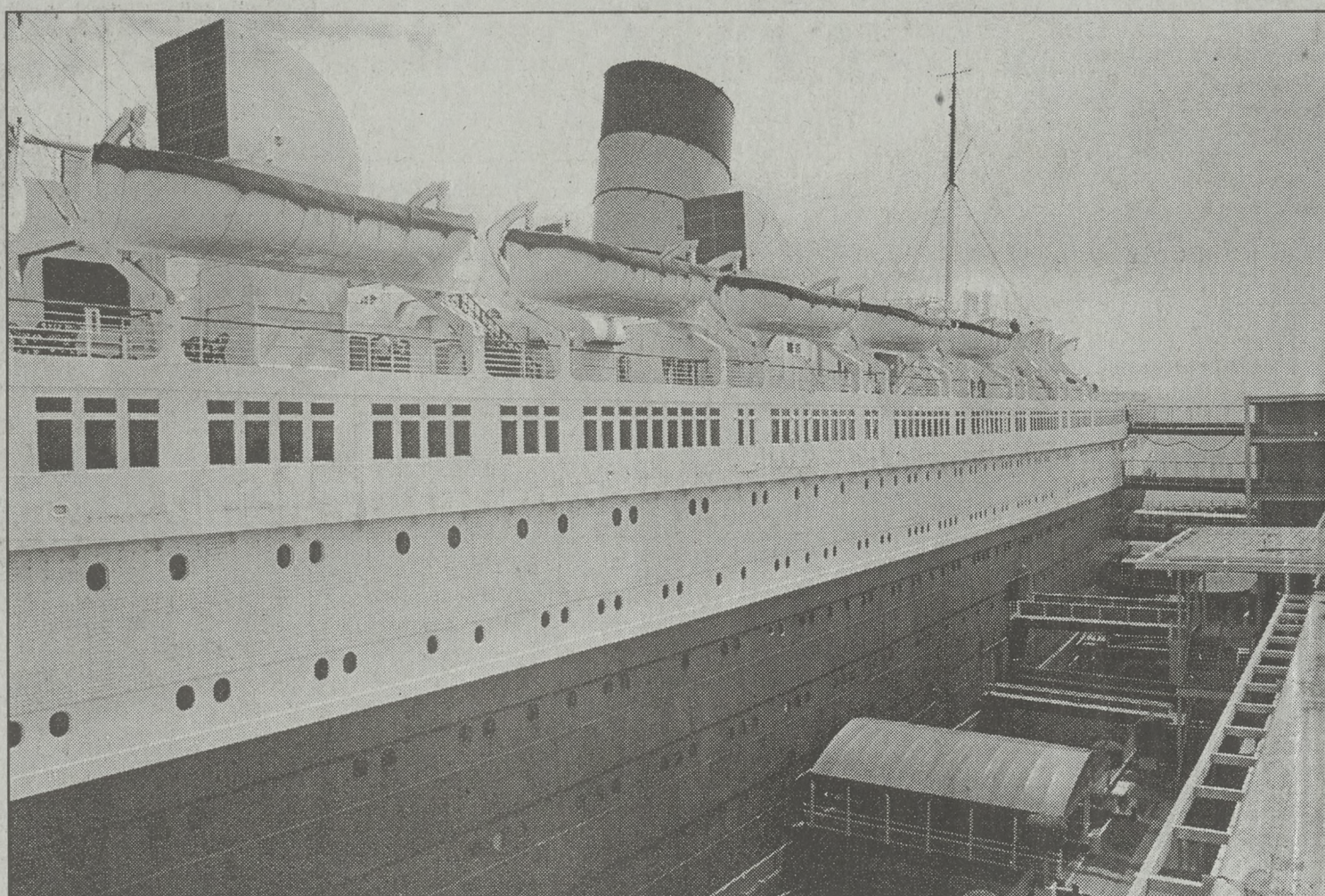
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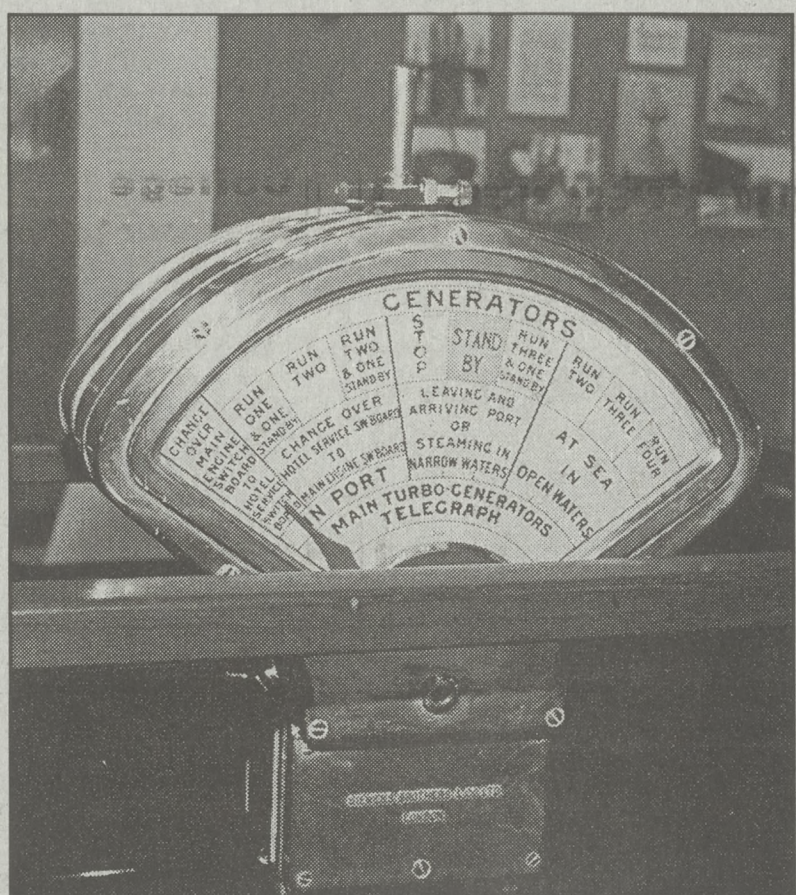
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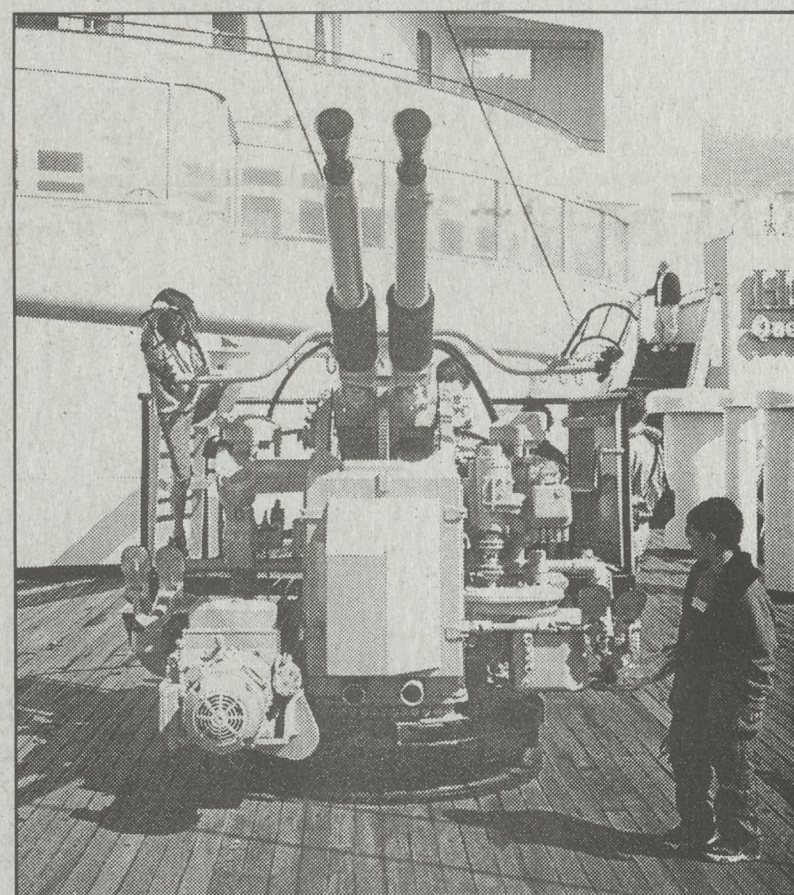
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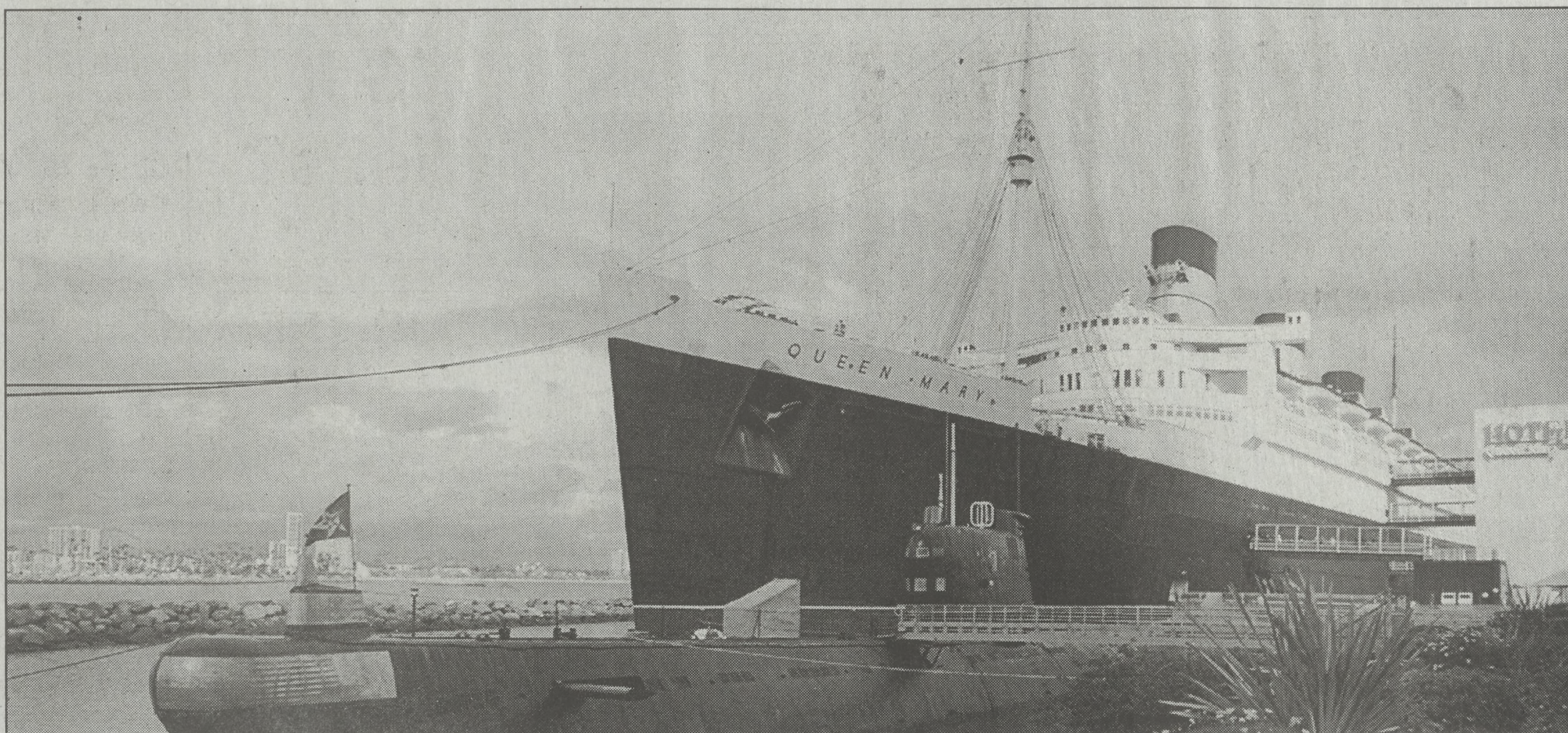
RMS QUEEN MARY



In 1967 the city of Long Beach took command of the Royal Mail Ship Queen Mary. The Queen Mary has a long history including ferrying troops from the United States to England and back during World War II. Known to the crew as the "Gray Ghost" due to the color of the ship. She carried over 800,000 troops and personnel during the war. She returned to carrying passengers after the war until 1967. The Queen Mary was sold to the city of Long Beach for \$3.45 million, where she now sits permanently for all to enjoy.



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Passed Ball



A catcher takes a little private time in between pitches.

Salvador Aguilar/Valley star

Why no tennis team

By E. N. ZACARIAS
STAR REPORTER

As reported on our April 19 issue, a schedule for various tennis matches were erroneously printed—the error being that there is no campus tennis team. This leaves us asking ourselves a question: Why don't we have one?

Perhaps it's the lack of athletes interested in this sport or the disheartening fact that this campus shows little or no school spirit.

Proposition 13, which took away various school programs and activities, might also have played a hand in leaving us with this void.

Personally, I think not having a tennis team or golf team is a bad financial move on the campus' behalf. Not having these teams—or a much broader selection—would force students interested in these activities to turn to other campuses that do. Our loss would be their gain.

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Teaching is the profession that allows you to see the most gratifying, immediate and instantaneous reward of a job well done — a child's smile.

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